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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To modify and extend certain authorities relating to cooperation between the United States and Israel, expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To modify and extend certain authorities relating to cooperation between the United States and Israel, expand and strengthen the Abraham Accords, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “U.S.-Israel Partner-  
5       ship and Abraham Accords Enhancement Act of 2023”.

6       **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7       It is the policy of the United States to—

1           (1) support the democratic, Jewish state of  
2       Israel's right to self-defense, including through For-  
3       eign Military Financing and security cooperation  
4       programs;

5           (2) seek a successor to the current U.S.-Israel  
6       Memorandum of Understanding reflecting the  
7       United States' unshakeable commitment to Israel's  
8       security;

9           (3) encourage the expansion and strengthening  
10      of the Abraham Accords, in accordance with the  
11      Israel Relations Normalization Act of 2022 (division  
12      Z of Public Law 117–103), to urge other nations to  
13      normalize relations with Israel and ensure that exist-  
14      ing agreements reap tangible security and economic  
15      benefits for the citizens of those countries and all  
16      peoples in the region;

17          (4) support Israel's full participation as an  
18      equally treated member of the community of nations,  
19      including by expanding the Abraham Accords and  
20      opposing anti-Israel bias at the United Nations and  
21      other international fora; and

22          (5) continue to expand the United States-Israel  
23      relationship to deepen existing economic and people-  
24      to-people ties, including through cooperative pro-  
25      grams.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF WAR RESERVES STOCKPILE AU-**  
2 **THORITY.**

3 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS  
4 ACT, 2005.—Section 12001(d) of the Department of De-  
5 fense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287;  
6 118 Stat. 1011) is amended by striking “after September  
7 30, 2025” and inserting “after September 30, 2028”.

8 (b) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section  
9 514(b)(2)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22  
10 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “or 2025”  
11 and inserting “, 2025, 2026, 2027, or 2028”.

12 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO FINANCE COOPERA-**  
13 **TIVE PROJECTS AMONG THE UNITED STATES,**  
14 **ISRAEL, AND CERTAIN DEVELOPING COUN-**  
15 **TRIES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106(e) of the Foreign As-  
17 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151d(e)) is amended by  
18 striking “through 2023” and inserting “through 2026”.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
20 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the  
21 Secretary of State and Administrator of the United States  
22 Agency for International Development shall submit to the  
23 appropriate congressional committees a report on coopera-  
24 tive projects financed under section 106(e) of the Foreign  
25 Assistance Act of 1961, as amended by subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ENERGY COOPERATION.**

2 Section 917 of the Energy Independence and Security  
3 Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17337) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(6), by inserting “United  
5 States and” before “Israeli”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (H), by striking  
9 “and” at the end;

10 (ii) in subparagraph (I), by striking  
11 the period at the end and inserting a semi-  
12 colon; and

13 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 “(J) advanced nuclear technologies, to in-  
16 clude nuclear fusion; and

17 “(K) carbon capture, utilization, and stor-  
18 age.”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(9) COST-SHARING; REIMBURSEMENT.—The  
21 Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable,  
22 require a recipient of a grant provided under this  
23 subsection to share the costs of feasibility studies  
24 and other planning services with respect to a project  
25 for which the grant is provided.

1           “(10) PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO SANC-  
2           TIONS.—The Secretary—

3           “(A) is prohibited from all dealings related  
4           to any grant under this Act that is prohibited  
5           under United States sanctions laws or regula-  
6           tions including dealings with persons on the list  
7           of specially designated persons and blocked per-  
8           sons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets  
9           Control of the Department of the Treasury, ex-  
10          cept to the extent otherwise authorized by the  
11          Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary of  
12          State; and

13          “(B) may not provide a grant under this  
14          subsection to any applicant that is receiving  
15          support under this section unless such applicant  
16          certifies that the applicant, and any entity  
17          owned or controlled by the applicant, is in com-  
18          pliance with all United States sanctions laws  
19          and regulations.”.

20          (3) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
21          section (g);

22          (4) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
23          lowing:

24          “(e) RESEARCH SECURITY.—The activities author-  
25          ized under this section shall be applied in a manner con-

1 sistent with subtitle D of title VI of the Research and De-  
2 velopment, Competition, and Innovation Act (enacted as  
3 division B of the CHIPS Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–  
4 167; 42 U.S.C. 19231 et seq.)).

5 “(f) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the  
6 congressional committees specified in subsection (c)(3) an  
7 annual report that describes the activities undertaken pur-  
8 suant to subsections (b) and (d) during the preceding  
9 year.”; and

10 (5) in subsection (g), as redesignated by para-  
11 graph (3), by striking “September 30, 2024” and in-  
12 serting “September 30, 2029”.

13 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION.**

14 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
15 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for  
16 7 years, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appro-  
17 priate congressional committees a report on bilateral and  
18 multinational cooperation on regional security between  
19 Israel and other countries in the Middle East and North  
20 Africa region, including with respect to arms transfers,  
21 joint technology development, military drills, and informa-  
22 tion sharing.

23 (b) FORM OF REPORT.—The determination required  
24 by subsection (a) shall be provided in an unclassified form  
25 but may contain a classified annex provided separately.

1   **SEC. 7. MIDDLE EAST PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE.**

2           The Secretary of State should consider as part of the  
3 Middle East Partnership Initiative programming to ex-  
4 pand people-to-people ties between Israel and other coun-  
5 tries in the Middle East and North Africa region so as  
6 to further the goal of expanding and deepening the Abra-  
7 ham Accords.

8   **SEC. 8. MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH COOPERATION.**

9           The Administrator of the United States Agency for  
10 International Development shall ensure that applicants  
11 from countries participating in the Abraham Accords are  
12 eligible for assistance under the Middle East Regional Co-  
13 operation competitive grant program managed by such  
14 Agency.

15   **SEC. 9. INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.**

16           The Secretary of State should consider as part of the  
17 International Visitor Leadership Program programming  
18 to expand people-to-people ties between current and  
19 emerging leaders in Israel and Muslim-majority countries  
20 so as to further the goal of expanding and deepening the  
21 Abraham Accords.

22   **SEC. 10. POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED INVESTIGATIONS BY**  
23                           **THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT.**

24           (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Neither Israel nor the United States is a  
2       state party to the International Criminal Court  
3       (ICC).

4           (2) The ICC has pursued investigations against  
5       both the United States and Israel despite not having  
6       legitimate jurisdiction in such cases.

7       (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
8       of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the  
9       Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
10      sional committees a report on United States diplomatic  
11      efforts to oppose politically-motivated investigations  
12      against the United States and Israel at the ICC.

13   **SEC. 11. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14       It is the sense of Congress that reinstating Israel's  
15      observer status at the African Union would be of benefit  
16      to both Israel and African countries.

17   **SEC. 12. REPORT ON UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TOOLS**  
18                   **TO SUPPORT THE I2U2 GROUP.**

19       Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
20      ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to  
21      the appropriate congressional committees a report regard-  
22      ing appropriate tools that the Department of State, the  
23      United States Agency for International Development, and  
24      the United States International Development Finance  
25      Corporation can utilize to support India's participation in



1 the grouping of India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates,  
2 and the United States (commonly referred to as the “I2U2  
3 Group”).

4 **SEC. 13. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) fostering support for the Abraham Accords  
7 and the normalization of diplomatic relations with  
8 Israel among the general public in Arab and Mus-  
9 lim-majority countries is in the interest of the  
10 United States;

11 (2) additional opportunities for interfaith dia-  
12 logue may help increase support for normalization of  
13 diplomatic relations with Israel; and

14 (3) promoting cultural and societal under-  
15 standing of international religious freedom in Arab  
16 and Muslim-majority countries with the goal of in-  
17 creasing public acceptance of the Abraham Accords  
18 is consistent with the statutory duties and respon-  
19 sibilities of the Ambassador at Large for Inter-  
20 national Religious Freedom and the Office on Inter-  
21 national Religious Freedom established by section  
22 101 of the International Religious Freedom Act of  
23 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6411).

1   **SEC. 14. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**  
2                           **FINED.**

3           In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
4   mittees” means—

5                   (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
6           House of Representatives; and

7                   (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
8           Senate.